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1. The Soviets have little influence in Afghanistan. It is unsafe for them to travel between Kabul and the Oxus River.\*
2. Soviet goods received in Afghanistan under the trade agreement between the two countries are generally of inferior quality. The Soviets frequently go back on their agreements. For instance, under the agreement the Soviets are supposed to export some 10,000,000 gallons of gasoline per year to Afghanistan. So far none has been delivered.\*\*

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Comment. The antipathy of the Afghani for the USSR derives from the fact that the latter has no Koran. This is all-important to the average Afghani. If the Soviets adopted the Koran, they could completely dominate the Afghanis in a short time.

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Comment. have reported the presence of considerable Soviet white gasoline in northern Afghanistan.

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